



Resolutions Passed at the 30th Annual Meeting of Wheat Pool Delegates

Nov. 2nd to 12th
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COMMITTEE PROGRAM
No. 4

It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time.

—Sir Winston Churchill.

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**RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE THIRTIETH
ANNUAL MEETING OF DELEGATES OF
THE SASKATCHEWAN WHEAT POOL
2nd TO 12th NOVEMBER 1954**

Future Policy

1. The Future Policy of the organization, as recommended by the Directors' Report, was approved by the Delegates' Meeting as follows:

(1) The Canadian Wheat Board

(a) That steps be taken to amend the Wheat Board Act so that The Canadian Wheat Board may be established as the **permanent** system for marketing grain in Western Canada.

(b) That the use of the speculative market by The Canadian Wheat Board in the marketing of coarse grains should be eliminated.

(c) That the marketing of flax and rye should be the sole responsibility of The Canadian Wheat Board and that the Government be asked to make regulations which would extend the application of Parts 3 and 4 of the Wheat Board Act to flax and rye.

(2) International Wheat Agreement

That the Government of Canada should continue to play a leading role in securing the renewal of the International Wheat Agreement with the assurance that such action will meet the wishes of a very large majority of Western Canadian wheat growers.

(3) Domestic Price for Wheat

That we urge upon the Government of Canada that a domestic price for wheat should be established at a level not less than the existing maximum price under the terms of the International Wheat Agreement.

(4) Box Car Distribution

That we urge upon the Government of Canada the need for amendments to the Canada Grain Act, the effect of which would provide for the placing of box cars at country elevators in accordance with

the farmers' preference to the end that farmers may be able to deliver grain to the country elevator of their choice; at the same time retaining to individual growers their right to order cars under the Car Order Book Sections of the Canada Grain Act.

(5) Delivery Quotas

That we urge upon The Canadian Wheat Board that acreage quota deliveries should be applied and maintained throughout the delivery season.

(6) Support Prices

(a) That we endorse the increased use of the Agricultural Prices Support Act as a method of providing adequate support prices for those farm commodities to which the Act applies.

(b) That support prices should be announced sufficiently far in advance so that farmers may be able to adjust their production plans.

(c) That as a part of an agricultural price support program all possible steps should be taken by producers, processors and governments, looking to the expansion of present markets for agricultural commodities and the development of new markets in deficiency areas, rather than to the adoption of policies intended to restrict production.

(7) Board of Livestock Commissioners

(a) That we continue to urge upon the Government of Canada the need for a Board of Livestock Commissioners to administer the Livestock and Livestock Products Act and to regulate trade practices where necessary.

(b) That we again endorse the principle of the compulsory grading of hogs, subject to the right of the producer to choose between rail and live grading and that provision be made to carry quality grades through to the consumer.

(8) Crop Insurance

That in the development of any crop insurance scheme the cost should be borne jointly by the federal and provincial governments and by the producer.

(9) Farm Financing

Recognizing that a farm finance problem is two-fold involving, (a) the need for short-term credit, and (b) a system of long-term credit designed to meet present and future farm needs; and since this matter is already the subject of study by a special committee of The Canadian Federation of Agriculture, we recommend,—

That the Board of Directors should keep in close touch with both phases of the farm finance problem and be prepared to render such assistance and support for any practical plans which may be agreed upon by the national organization.

Distribution of Earnings

2. That the surplus for the year ended 31st July 1954, amounting to \$4,707,720.28, be allocated as follows:

Excess Charges Refund, Season 1953-1954.....	\$3,602,485.00
Provision for Income Tax— estimated.....	485,000.00
Transfer to Reserve Account.....	620,235.28
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	\$4,707,720.28

and further

That the share of surplus for the year ended 31st July 1954, amounting to \$3,602,485.00, allocated to Excess Charges Refund, Season 1953-1954, be distributed as follows:

Grain

- (a) Patronage dividend at the rate of 1c per bushel, to be paid in cash, dividend estimated.....\$1,458,250.00
- (b) Patronage dividend at the rate of 1¼c per bushel, to be used for the purchase at face value of Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions of the Company from members in eligible categories, as previously determined by the Board of Directors, such deduction to be credited to the persons entitled to the patronage dividend, provided that those members entitled to such dividend whose Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions have heretofore been purchased by the Company shall be paid their share of such amount in cash, dividend estimated..... 1,822,812.00

c) Patronage dividend at the rate of 3/16c per bushel, to be retained as a loan from the shareholders of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association, provided that those members entitled to such dividend, whose Elevator and Commercial Reserve deductions have heretofore been purchased by the Company shall be paid their share of such amount in cash, dividend estimated..... 273,422.50

Livestock

Patronage dividend at the rate per head for cattle 35c; calves 14c; hogs, sheep and lambs 9c; to be retained as a loan from the shareholders of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association, provided that those members entitled to such dividend whose Elevator and Commercial Reserve deductions have heretofore been purchased by the Company, shall be paid their share of such amount in cash, dividend estimated..... 48,000.00

\$3,602,485.00

Allocation of Box Cars

3. That we recommend that our Board of Directors continue, with added zeal, in their endeavour to have the Canada Grain Act so amended that growers will have the right and opportunity to deliver their grain to the elevator of their choice.

4. That we recommend that our Board press the Federal Government to set up, under the Transport Controller, a group of men to supervise the allocation of box cars as between points.

5. That we instruct our Board of Directors to send a delegation to interview the President of the Canadian National Railways, and the President of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, at Montreal, as soon as possible, in the matter of equitable distribution of box cars.

6. That if satisfaction cannot be had with respect to car allocation, that this delegate body go on record as being in favor of organizing a delegation to meet the Canadian Cabinet in order to place

our plight before the Canadian Government.

7. That we invite the support of the Western Agricultural Conference in carrying to the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture the request of this body for amendments to the Canada Grain Act to provide that at stations where car order books are not in operation, cars may be allocated to elevators on the basis of the farmers' choice.

Country Elevator Division

8. That we recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool give greater emphasis to the rebuilding of obsolete elevators and annexes.

9. That we recommend to the Board of Directors that the building policy include the erection of temporary annexes of the new type as a means towards giving greater service to members where more space is essential and where temporary annexes could to some extent, fill the need.

10. That we recommend that the maximum number of modern cleaners allowed under present policy be purchased and installed, until the need for cleaners has been satisfied.

11. That we recommend that elevator seed cleaning be discouraged and that the organization of local seed cleaning units be encouraged and the Provincial Government be asked to assist in this matter.

12. That we recommend that electric power and light be installed in all Pool cottages where this is available.

13. That as there appears to be a delay of from one to three days in Pool elevator agents receiving notice of changes in Wheat Board regulations, etc. in comparison to line elevator agents, we recommend that this situation be remedied.

14. That we recommend that as it is necessary to replace elevator agents and to have qualified men, that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool provide a training scheme for young agents.

15. That we recommend that closer attention be given to the supervision and inspection of construction work.

That we approve of the action of the Board of Directors in applying for higher elevation charges and lower storage charges, and recommend that they continue to press for this change.

17. That we recommend that a study period in agents' Study Group Meetings be prepared by the Gowers' Record Department to outline fully all the requirements by members and agents in connection with growers' records.

18. That we recommend that the railways be required to keep adequate supplies of car doors on hand at all stations.

Export Department

19. That we recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool endeavour to secure a larger share of the malting barley business.

20. That we recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool continue to give every support towards increasing shipments through the Port of Churchill.

Terminal Elevator Division

21. That we recommend that efforts be continued to secure a public relations officer for the Lake head and that, if possible, Directors keep a more intimate contact with all outlying offices.

22. That we recommend that the Federal Government be requested to increase terminal storage at both the East and West Coasts and the Lakehead.

Vegetable Oil Division

23. That our Board of Directors investigate the feasibility of our organization engaging in the Vegetable Oil business and submit its report to delegates in time for consideration at sub-district conventions.

Livestock Division

24. That the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool give active consideration to the establishment of livestock marketing machinery to the end that a national livestock marketing agency shall be established for the marketing of commercial livestock, and further;

That as a means towards this end the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool give study to and support a practical plan for instituting a producers' livestock marketing board for Saskatchewan, such plan not to go into operation until at least one of the other two Prairie Provinces has a similar plan ready for joint operation.

25. That we recommend that efforts be made to have the freight rates on livestock materially reduced.

26. That we go on record as commending the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa for the continuation of the support price on hogs.

27. That we protest the 4c spread in the floor price on hogs between Saskatchewan and Ontario, as maintained by the federal Department of Agriculture, believing that it is too high.

28. That we recommend that the Purchasing Department of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool secure all requirements possible through consumer co-operative facilities.

Printing and Publishing Division

29. That we recommend that a sample copy of the Western Producer be sent to all Pool members who are not subscribers.

Publicity

30. That we recommend that Saskatchewan Wheat Pool advertising should include the address of our Saskatoon office.

31. That we recommend that a card be issued to growers having their name and membership number on it, of a size that can be carried in the wallet.

32. That we recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool continue its efforts

to promote more amicable understanding with other farm organizations.

Employees' Share in Company Earnings

That we recommend to the Board of Directors that in sharing earnings with employees the amount to be paid be consistent with the success of the year, in terms of the patronage dividend available to members, and that instead of wages and salaries being the basis of payment, there be substituted that of equal payment to all eligible employees.

Delegates

34. That an effort be made to arrange for parking stickers for delegates' cars at this and future Annual Meetings.

Chart for Country Annual Meetings

35. That a revised chart for use at country annual meetings be prepared for next year, showing the surplus or deficit of each division of the organization.

Co-op Schools

36. That we recommend that the names of students attending Co-op Schools be listed and kept, so that a list of these young people willing to work either in producer or consumer co-operative enterprises, be available when junior help is needed by producer or consumer associations throughout the Province.

The Canadian Wheat Board

37. That we recommend that permit books be issued to all individual growers who operate individual farms, regardless of residence or working arrangements.

P.F.A.A.

38. That we recommend that the Prairie Farm Assistance Act be amended so that assistance may be applied to smaller crop failure areas and that the amount of the awards be increased.

39. That we recommend that yield and acreage sown with the 6-bushels of

Selkirk wheat be not taken into consideration when tabulating the wheat yield for P.F.A.A. purposes.

Board of Grain Commissioners

40. That the Board of Grain Commissioners be commended for publishing the booklet "The Farmer and the Country Elevator."

Workmen's Compensation Act

41. That the Workmen's Compensation Act be so amended that it would permit workers in the agricultural industry to be covered by the Act.

Crow's Nest Pass Agreement

42. That we strongly urge the Federal Government that the terms and provisions of the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement be maintained as an Act of Parliament and no part of it be placed under the jurisdiction of the Board of Transport Commissioners.

Farm Financing

43. Whereas farm financing in Saskatchewan has become a difficult problem in view of crop failure, poor quality grain and the high cost of operation, to the extent that many farmers, particularly the younger men, do not know which way to turn in order to continue operation;

And Whereas the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool deserves commendation for the active and practical efforts which are being made in this emergency;

Be it Resolved that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool continue its efforts to solve this problem by calling an emergency conference of representatives of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, the Provincial Government, the Saskatchewan Farmers' Union and all organizations who are members of the Saskatchewan Federation of Agriculture, and all other organizations who can help, in an attempt to solve urgent problem of farm financing.

Rural Market Roads

44. Whereas the municipalities bear the responsibility of maintaining rural market roads;

And Whereas rural populations travel mainly on said market roads;

And Whereas rural market roads in Saskatchewan are in a serious and deteriorating condition;

Be It Resolved that the Provincial Government set aside a substantial sum of money to be used to assist rural municipalities to establish a co-ordinated grid of main market roads with gravel top, on a sharing basis, and that the Provincial Government give assistance in preparing and carrying out a co-ordinated plan.

Tax on Farm Fuel

45. That the Government be asked to discontinue the 3% education tax on farm fuel.

Depreciation on Grain Storage Buildings

46. That we recommend that the Income Tax Department be urged to grant accelerated depreciation on buildings erected on farms for grain storage to at least 33 1/3%.

Mineral Rights

47. That we recommend that the Government be asked to give farmers who do not own mineral rights a percentage of earnings in case of oil production on their farms.

University of Saskatchewan

48. That we recommend that a grant of \$10,000.00 be made to the Extension Department of the University of Saskatchewan.

49. That we authorize the Board of Directors in their discretion to make a grant to the University of Saskatchewan to assist in a program of research into the possibilities of developing varieties of edible oil bearing seeds which may be produced under normal growing climatic conditions in Saskatchewan.

C.F.A. and I.F.A.P.

50. That we record our hearty support the policies and work of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and the Inter-

national Federation of Agricultural
ducers.

Tariffs on United Kingdom Commodities

51. That we recommend that tariff on goods from the United Kingdom be lowered, not raised.

W.A.C.

52. That having regard to the information received last week from the Minister of the Crown, this delegate body believes that the membership of the Western Agricultural Conference should be scrutinized more carefully.

I.W.A.

53. That we record our complete support of the principle of the International Wheat Agreement.

F.A.O.

54. That we recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool take more aggressive action in publicizing the idea of a World Food Bank as envisaged by the F.A.O.

Winnipeg Grain Exchange

55. That we continue to press for the permanent closing of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee

56. That we recommend to the Board of Directors that they take the necessary steps to ensure that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool takes its proper place in the Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee celebrations next year.

Daylight Saving Time

57. That we recommend that we oppose the annual imposition of Daylight Saving Time, or any other action which is designed to modify or alter the present Standard Time in this Province.

